

KamLAND & KASKA Prototype

(In view of safeguards)

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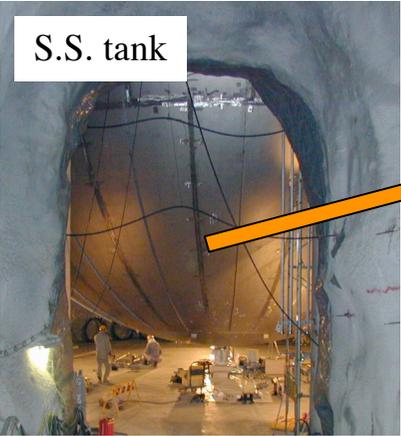
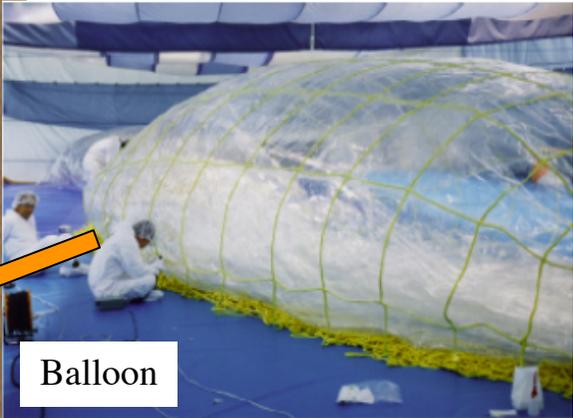
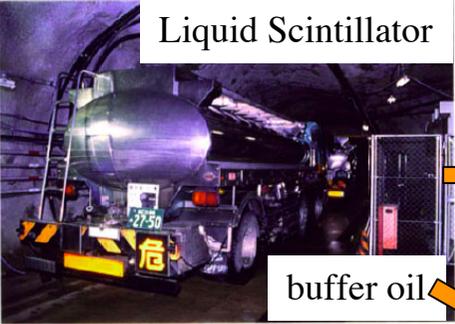
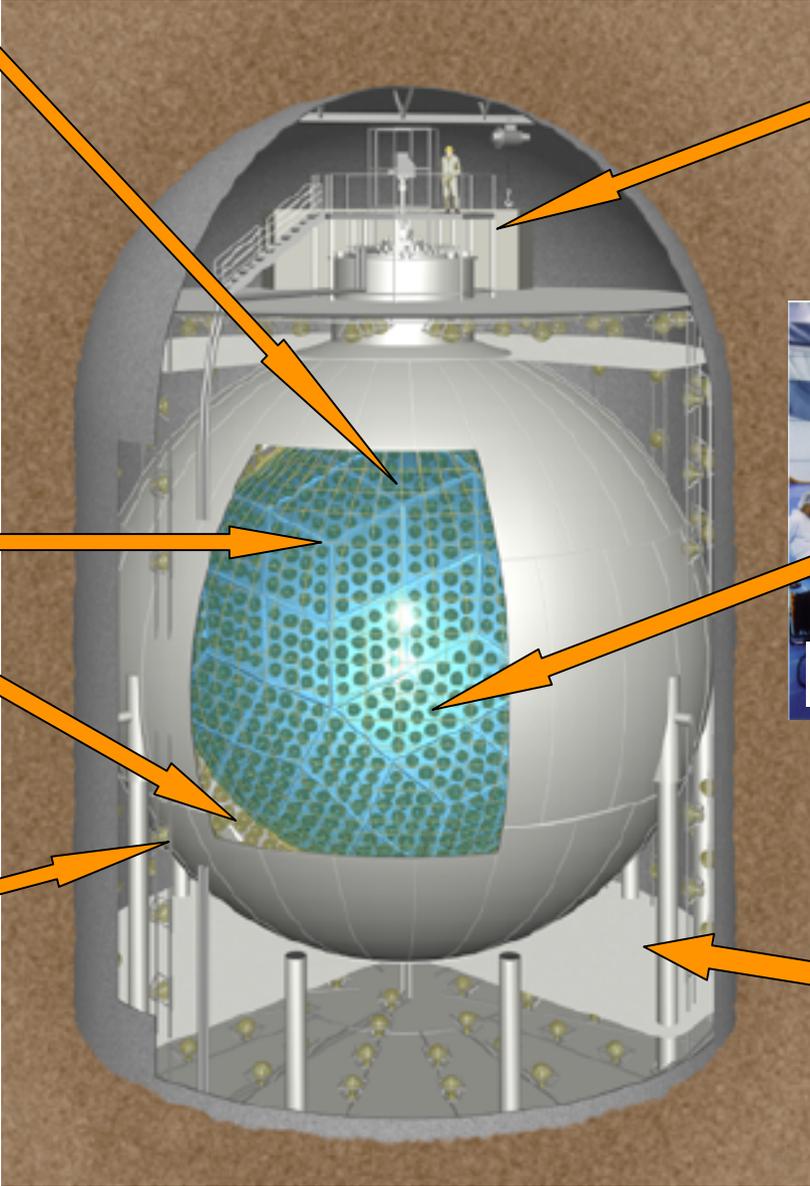
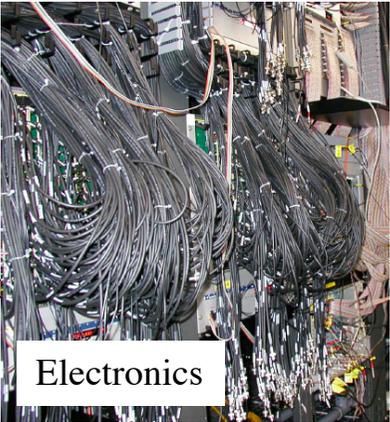
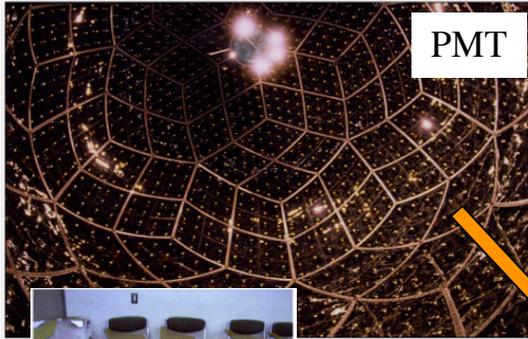
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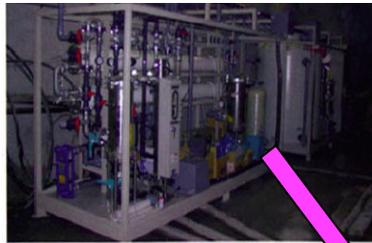
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KamLAND Detector

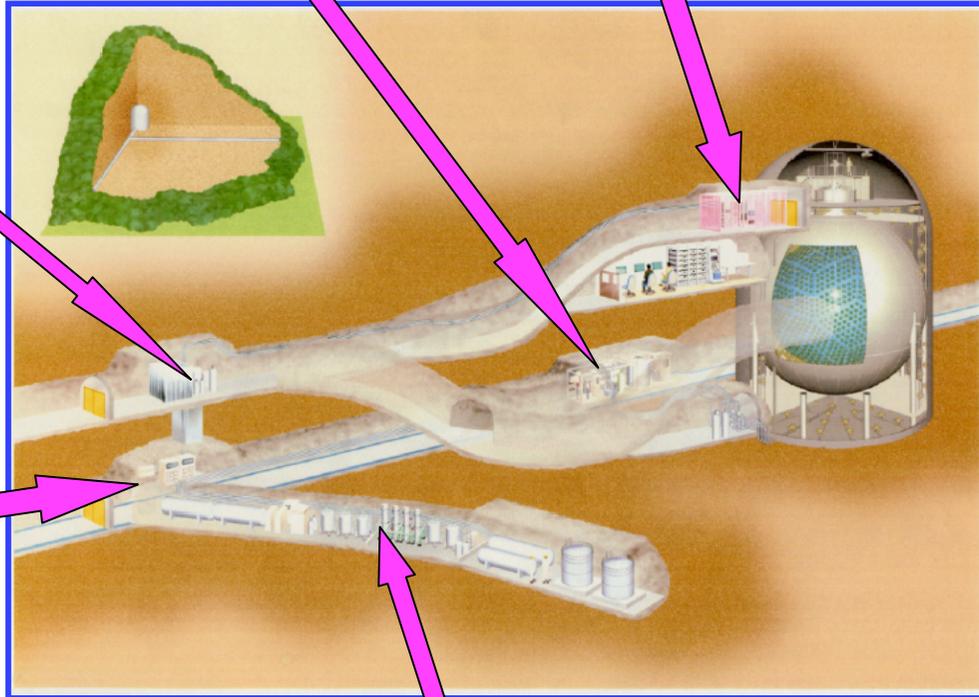
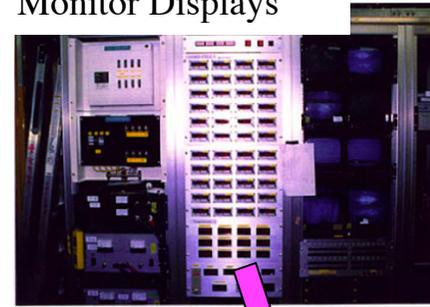




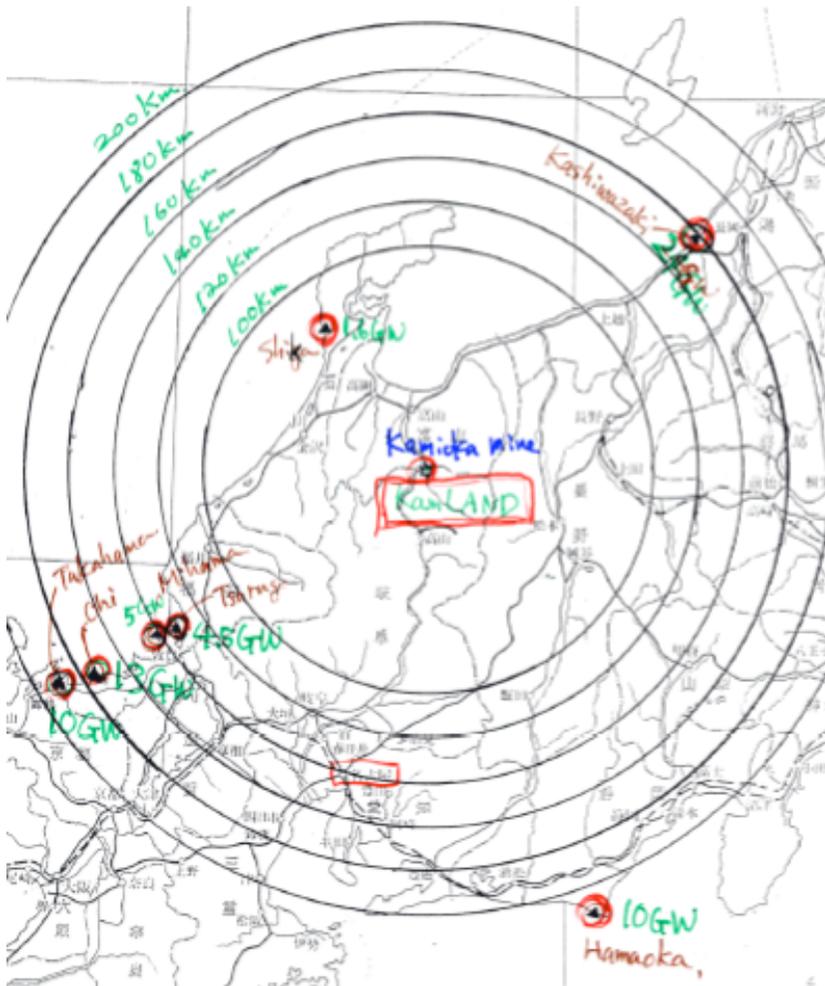
Water Purification system



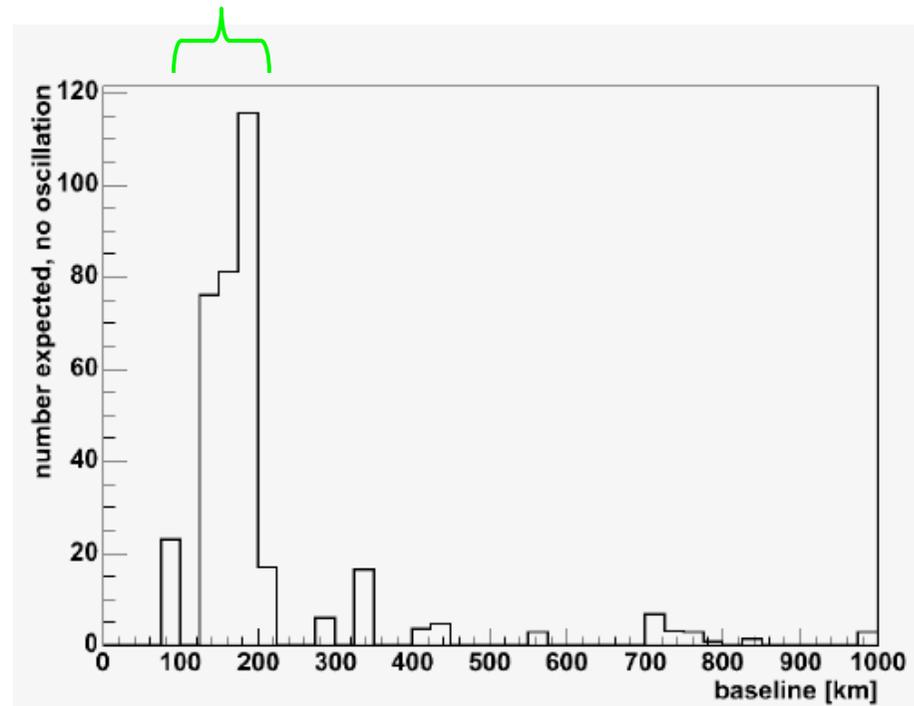
Monitor Displays



KamLAND; Distance to Reactors



68GW_{th}



$$\langle L \rangle \sim 180 \text{ km} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\Delta m^2} \sim 0.01 \text{ eV}$$

Issues for KamLAND Detector Design

Event rate ~ only 1/day/kt (or 1/3years/t)

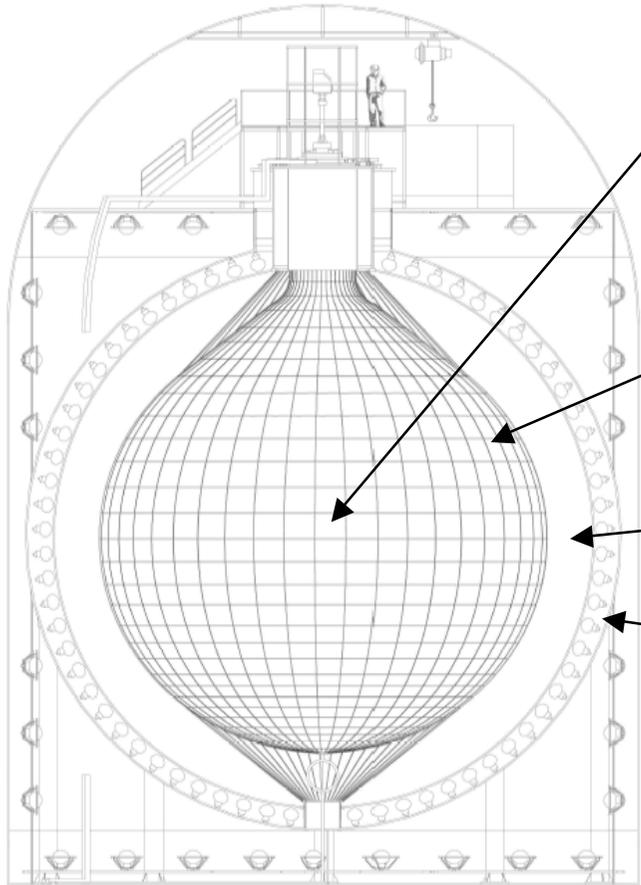
=> Background reduction is essential

- Large overburden to shield cosmic-rays:
@2700mwe, cosmic-rar rate= 10^{-5} of surface
- Extremely radio-pure liquid scintillator:
Purification system -> U/Th/ ^{40}K < 10^{-10} ppm
- Thick Shields:
at least 50cm of water + 2.5m of Buffer Oil
- Delayed coincidence

Large Liquid Scintillator (M~1kton)

- Transparency and stability is essential
- Simple is better

Key Detector Elements



- **Liquid Scintillator:** (1150m³)
Dodencane(80%)+PC(20%)+PPO(1.5g/L)
Light output >8,000photons/MeV, $\lambda_{att.}>10m$
(Gd is not used)
- **Balloon:** 13m diam. 135 \square mt Nylon/EVOH
multilayer film. Held by Kevlar mesh.
- **Buffer Oil:** (1700m³) 2.5mt. n-Dodecane+Isoparaffin
- **PMT:** 1325 17" aperture PMT
+ 554 20" aperture => 34% photo-coverage
- **Purification system:**
Water extraction + N₂ bubbling
U => 3.5x10⁻¹⁸g/g

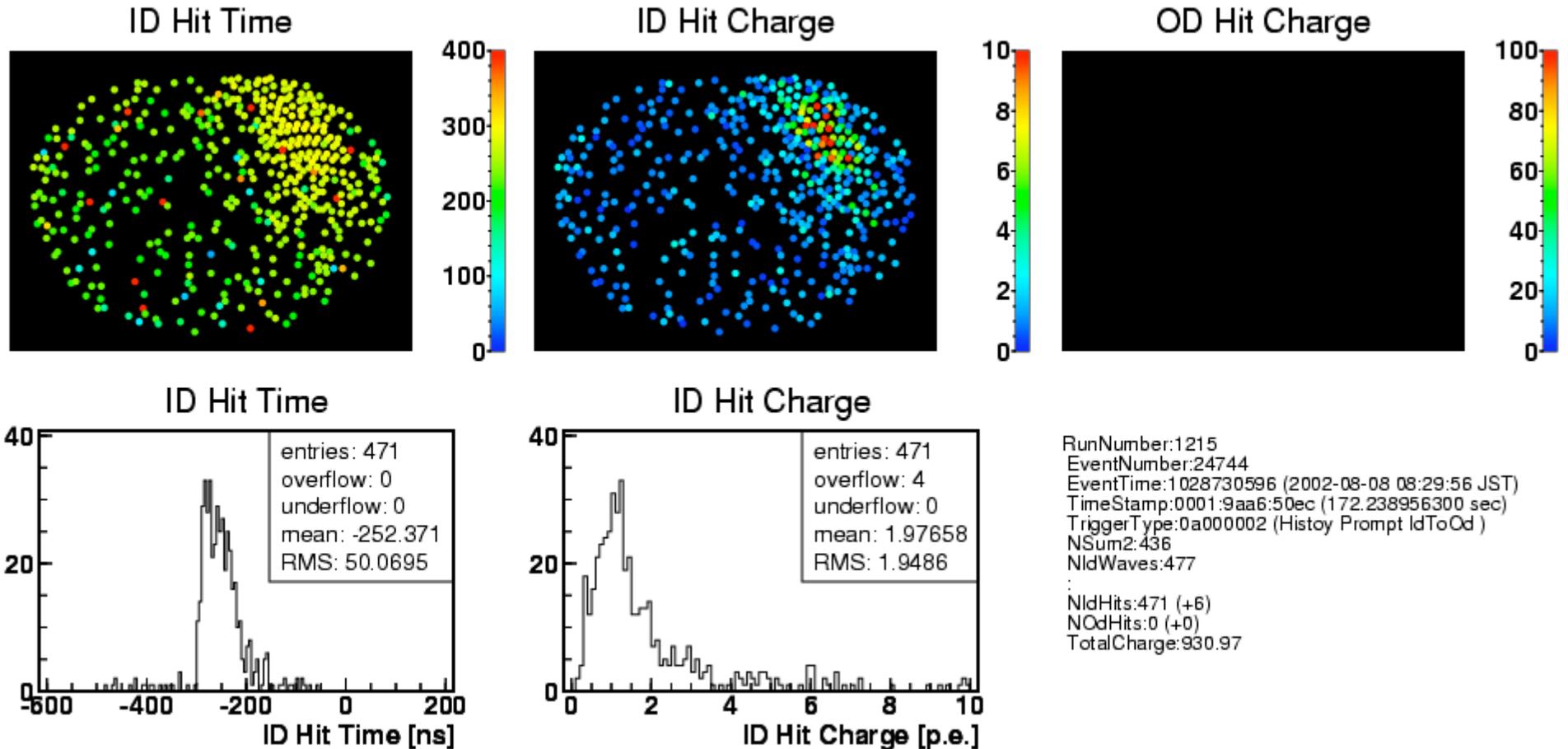


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Event Display: Low Energy Event



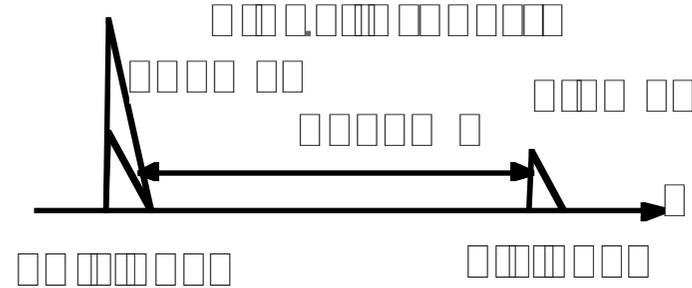
$\bar{\nu}_e$ identification

$$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$$

$$\rightarrow e^+ + e^- \rightarrow 2\gamma$$

$$(E_\gamma \approx 0.8 \text{ MeV})$$

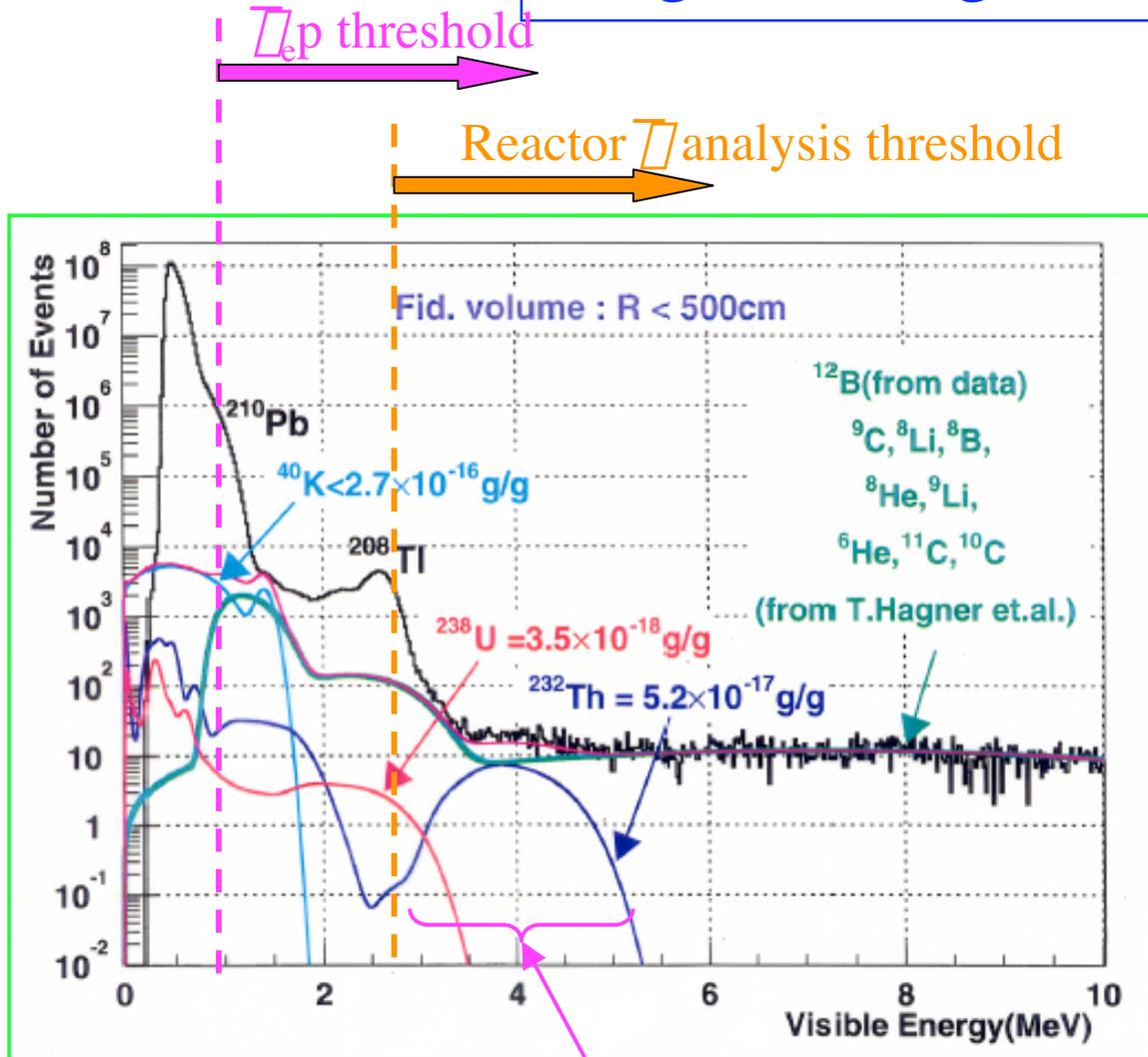
$$\rightarrow n + p \rightarrow d + \gamma (2.2 \text{ MeV})$$



$(\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow e^+ n)$; an ideal reaction, because

- Only $\bar{\nu}_e$ contributes (no background from other neutrino species)
- Low threshold Energy (1.8 MeV)
- Large cross section ($\sim 100 \sigma_{\bar{\nu}_e}$)
- p is abundant in LS
- Cross section precisely known ($\Delta\sigma = 0.2\%$)
- $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy can be measured ($E_{\bar{\nu}_e} = E_{\text{visible}} + 0.8 \text{ MeV}$)
- Delayed Coincidence \rightarrow powerful background rejection

Single Backgrounds



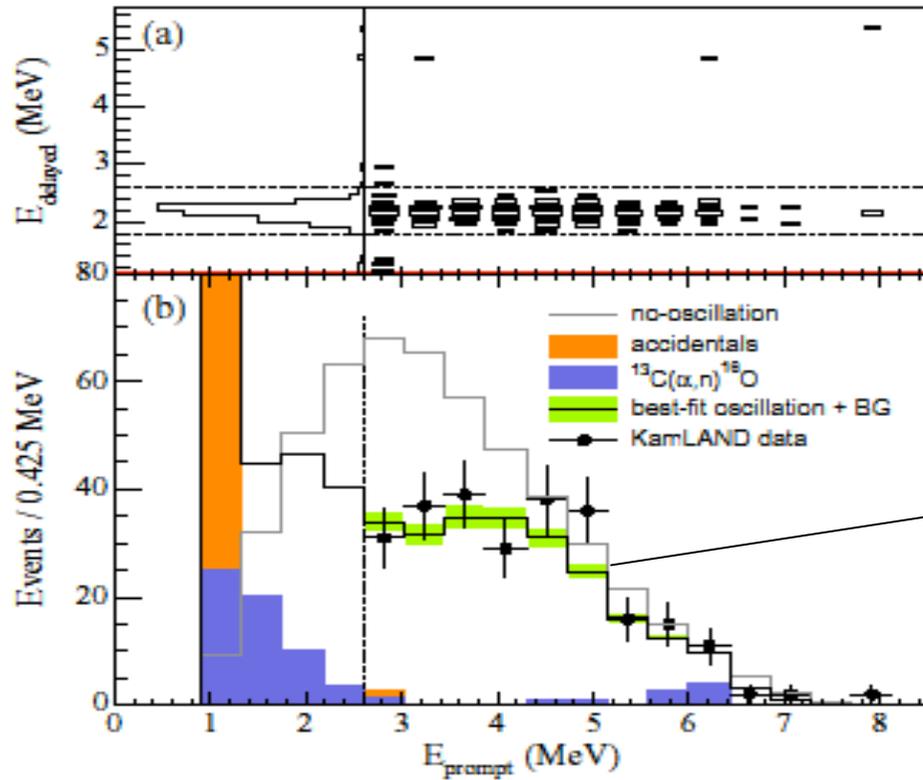
$^{238}\text{U}/^{222}\text{Rn}: 3.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{g/g}$
 $= 2 \text{decay/day}$
 $^{232}\text{Th}: 5.2 \times 10^{-17} \text{g/g}$
 $= 10 \text{decay/day}$
 $^{40}\text{K}: < 2.7 \times 10^{-16} \text{g/g}$
 $< 4000 \text{decay/day}$
 Cosmic-ray = 0.3Hz

(cf: sea water contains 10^{-9}g/g of U.)

^{208}Tl decay $\sim 2.5/\text{day}$

Neutrino Event Spectrum

Very Good S/N



$$N(E_{\square}) = N_0(E_{\square}) \left[1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_{\square}} \right]$$

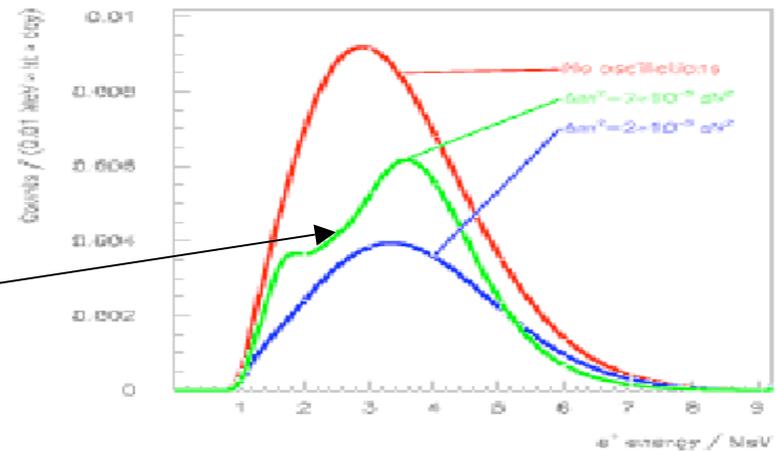
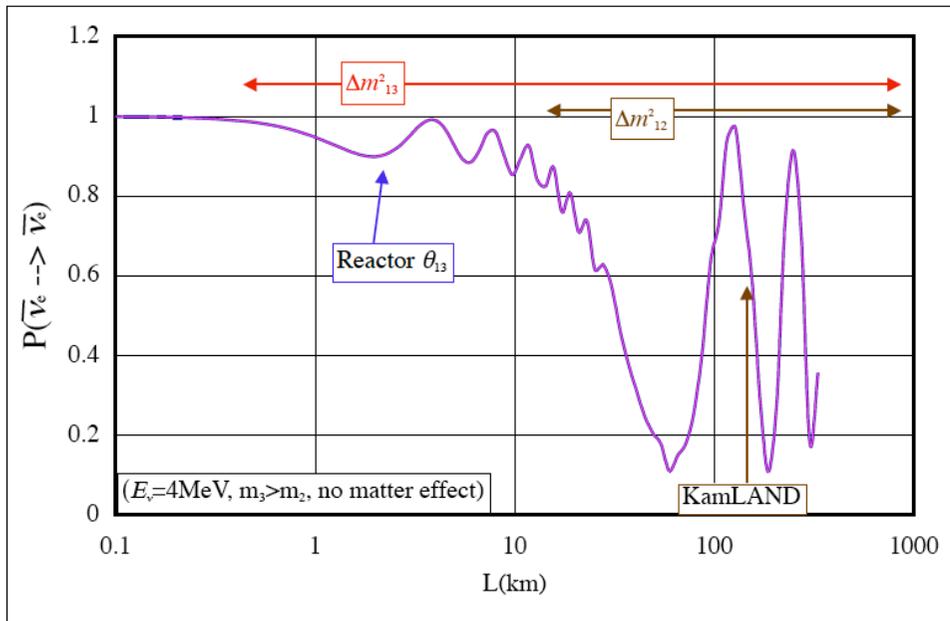
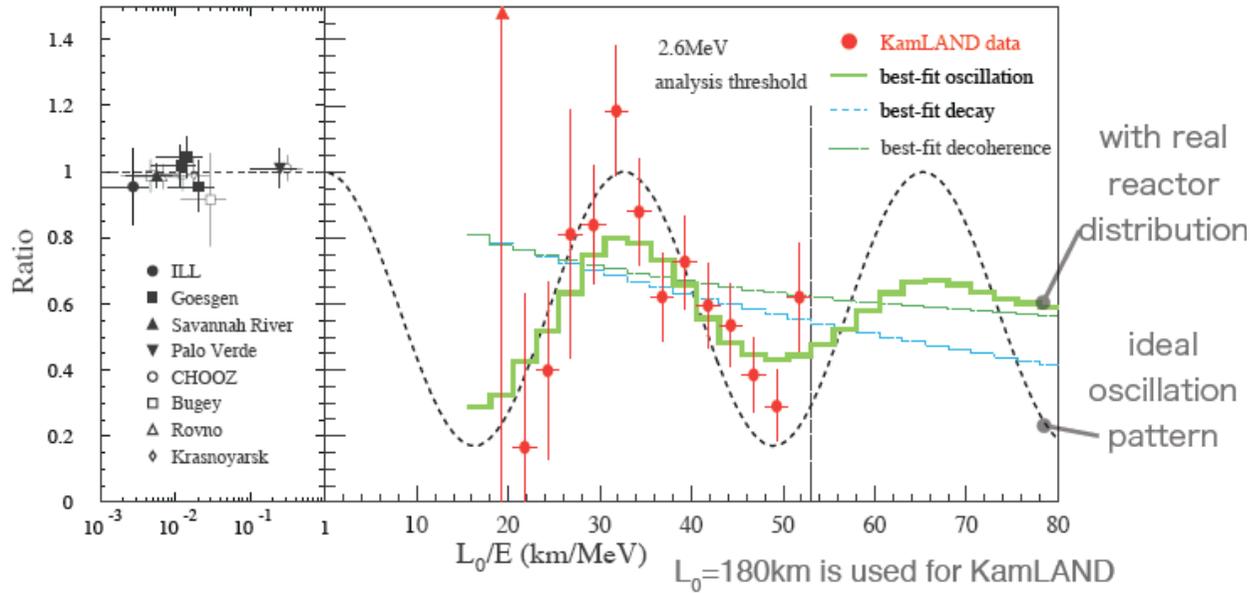


FIG. 37. Positron energy spectra expected at KAMLAND for no oscillations and oscillations with indicated parameters Δm^2 and $\sin^2 2\theta = 0.75$ in the MSW LMA solar neutrino solution.

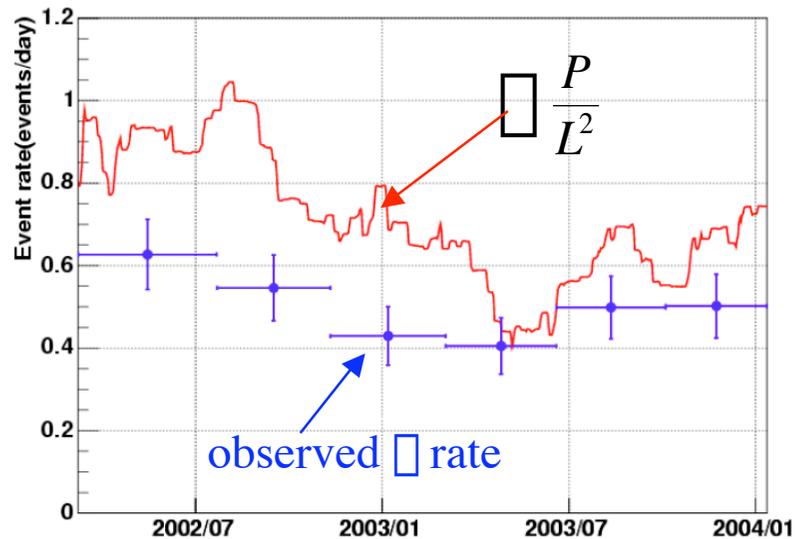
Reactor neutrino oscillation does exist



Long range detection has to take into account the effect of the neutrino oscillation

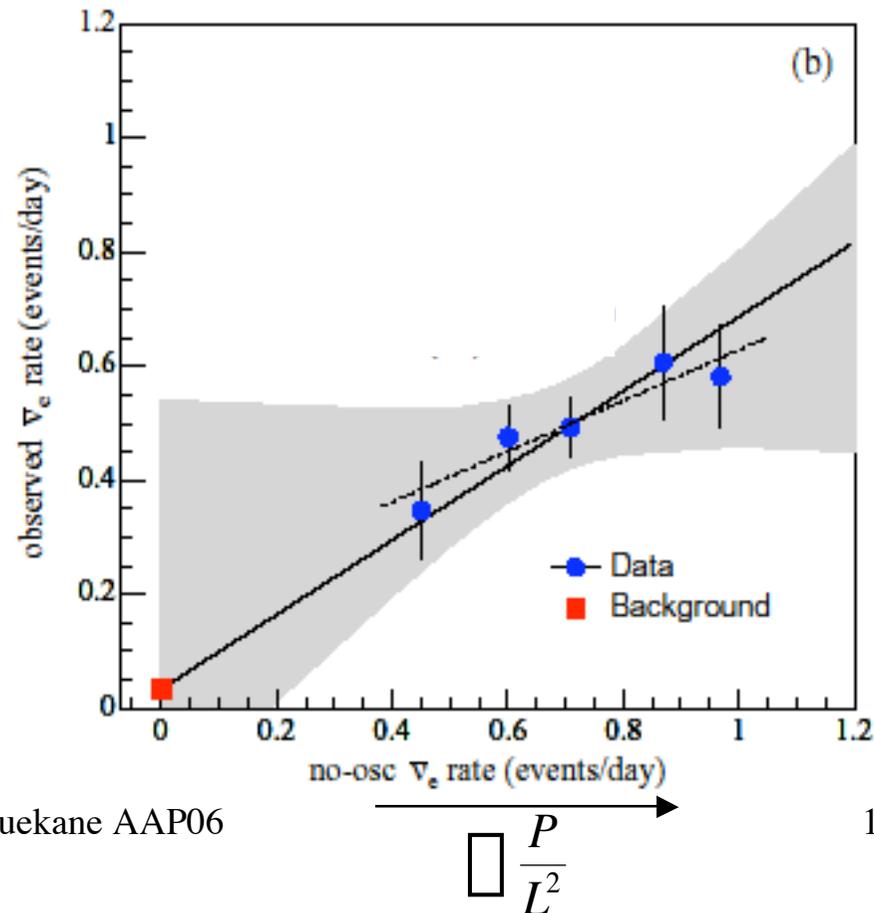
=> Avoid $L=50\text{km}$

Reactor Power Variation



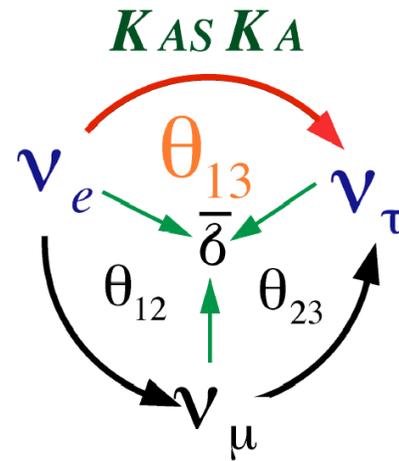
In 2003, many power reactors stopped.

KamLAND is already monitoring gross reactor operation in Japan



KASKA Prototype

Neutrino Experiments at Kasniwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station



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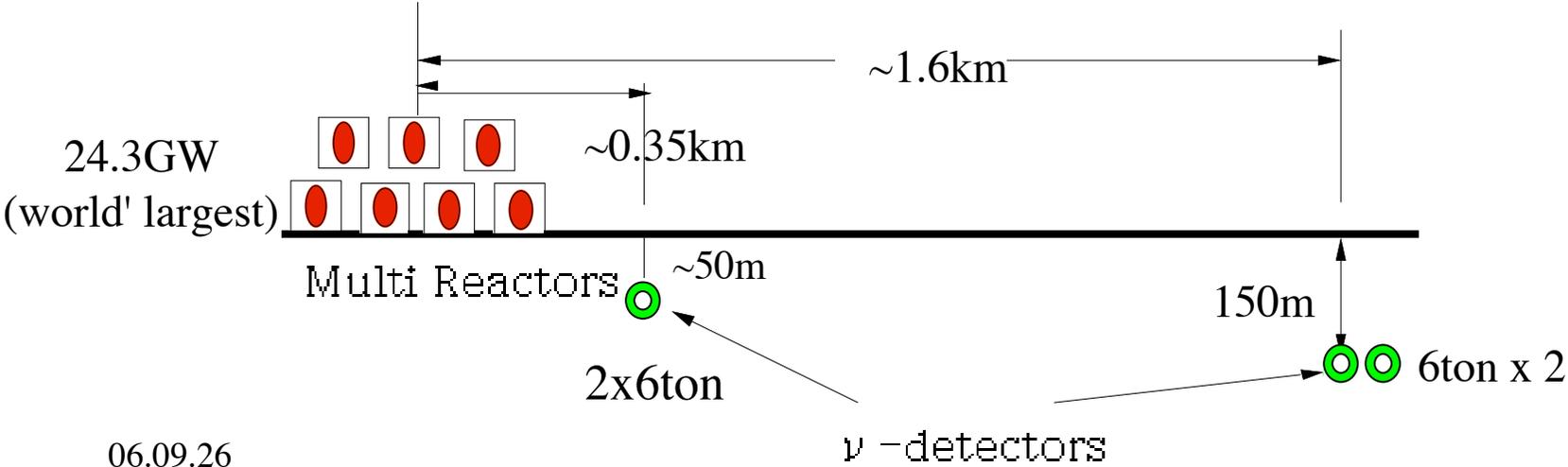
KASKA- θ_{13}

L=1.6km

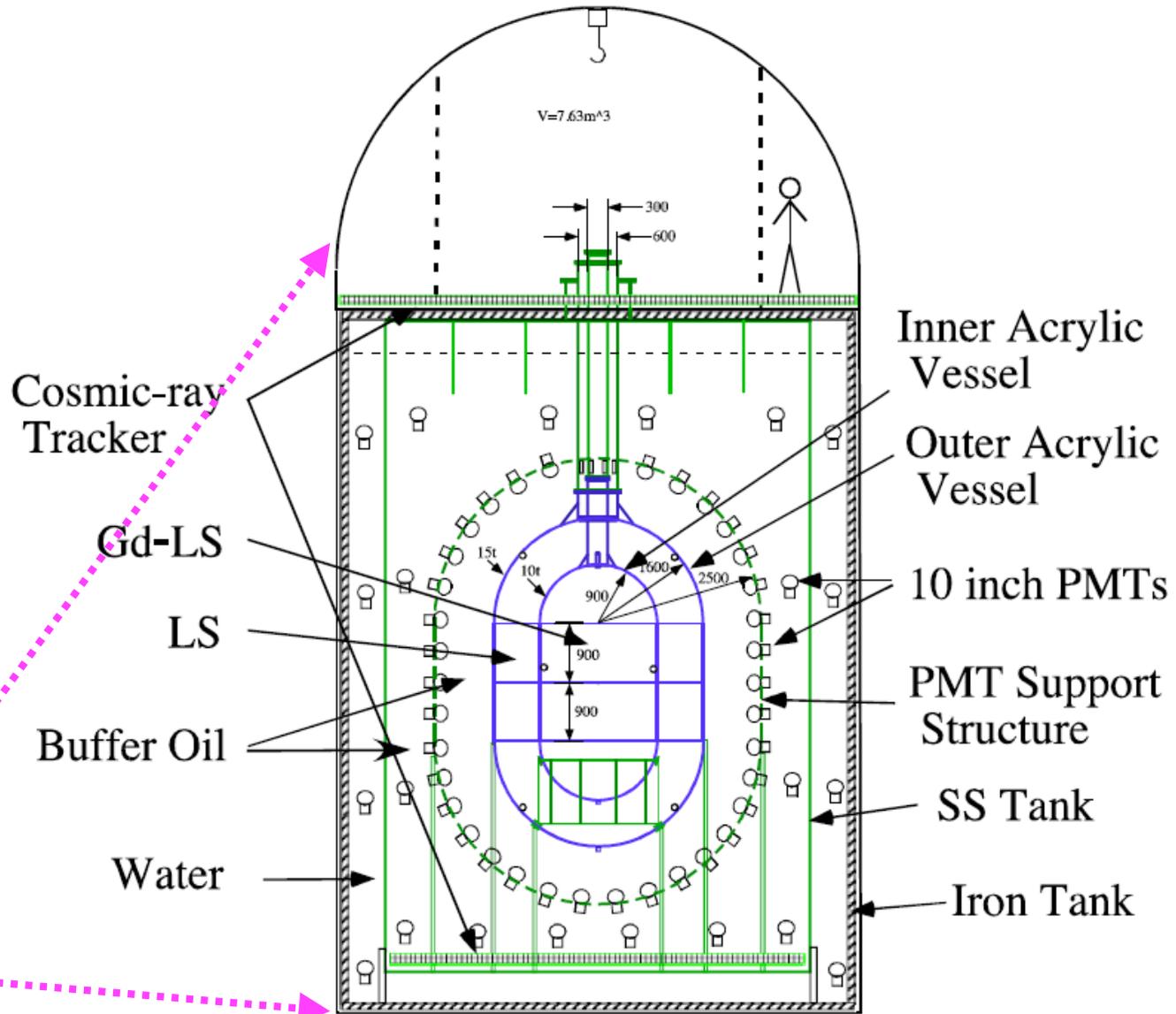
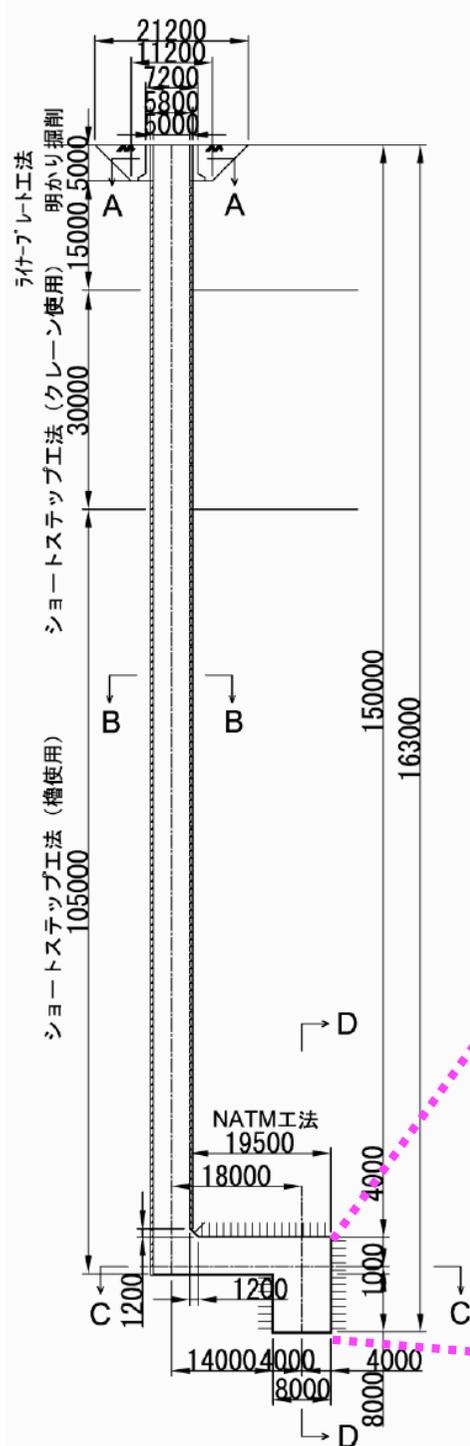


$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.015$$

Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Station

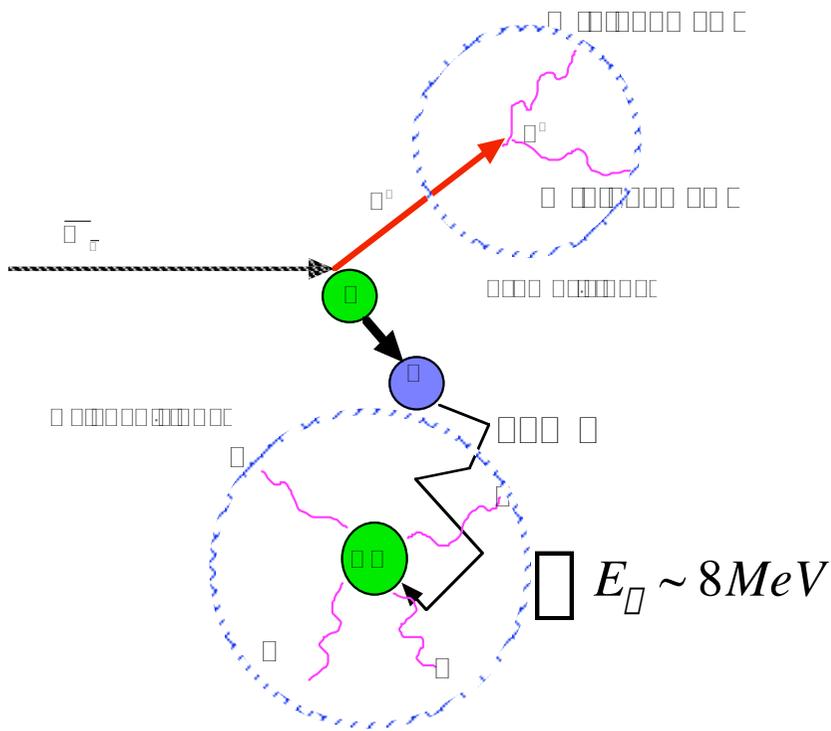


Detector & Shaft Hole



Neutrino Detection

=> use Gd

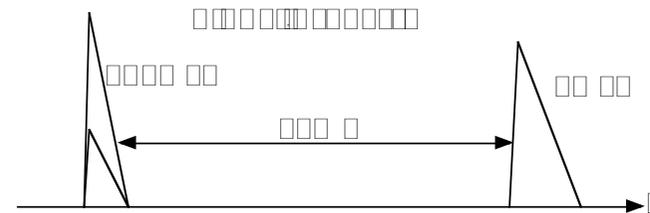


$$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$$

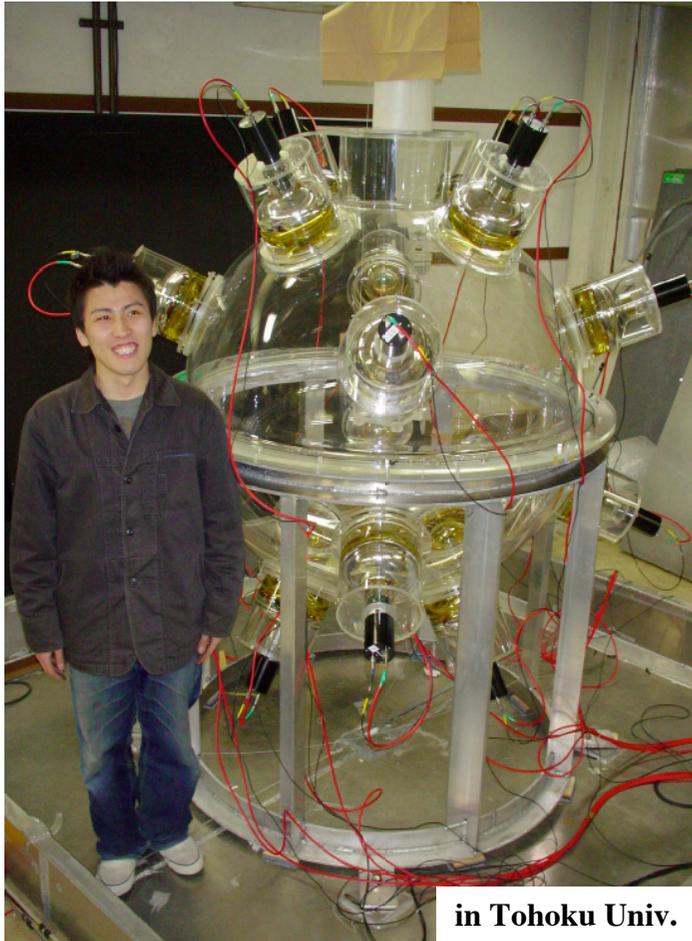
Then

$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow 2\gamma (2 \times 0.511 \text{ MeV})$$

$$n + \text{Gd} \rightarrow \text{Gd}' + \gamma (E_\gamma \sim 8 \text{ MeV})$$

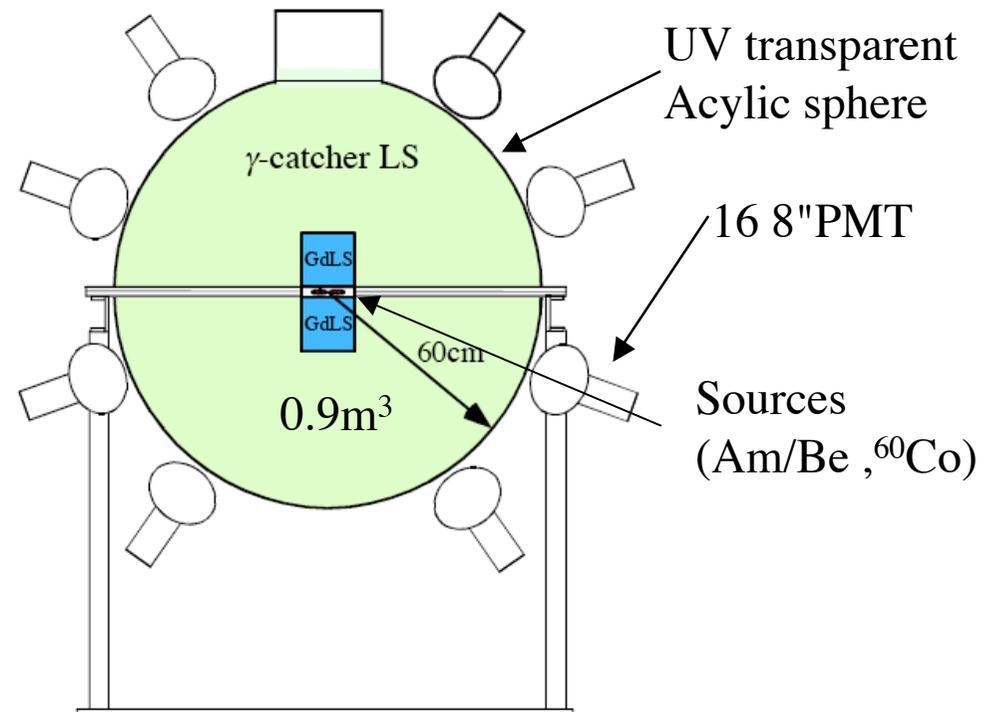


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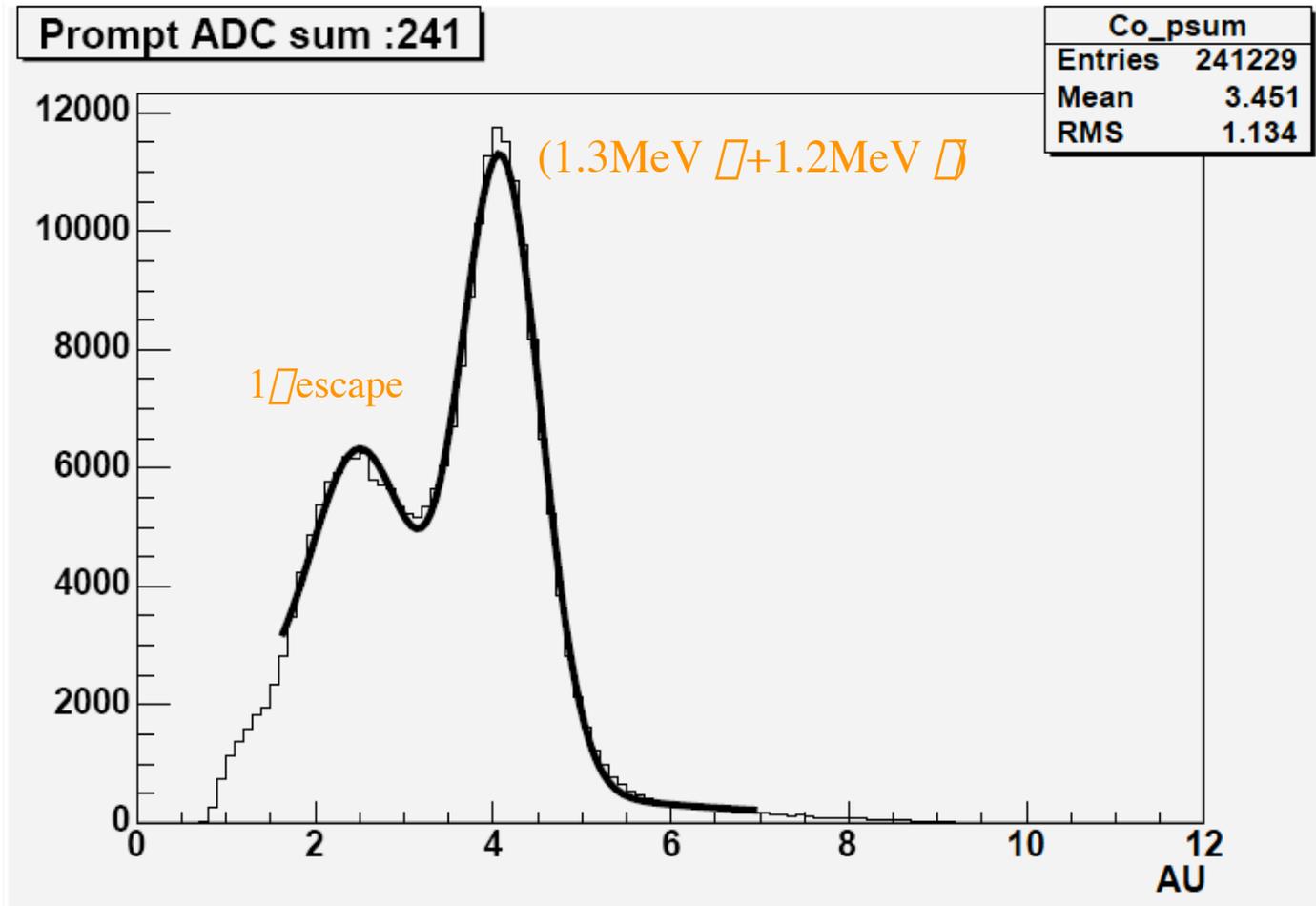
- * Test of γ -catcher.
- * Am/Be $\bar{\nu}_e$ like signal.
- $\bar{\nu}_e$ detection at research reactor.
- *Magnetic shield test
 - MC development
 - LS handling



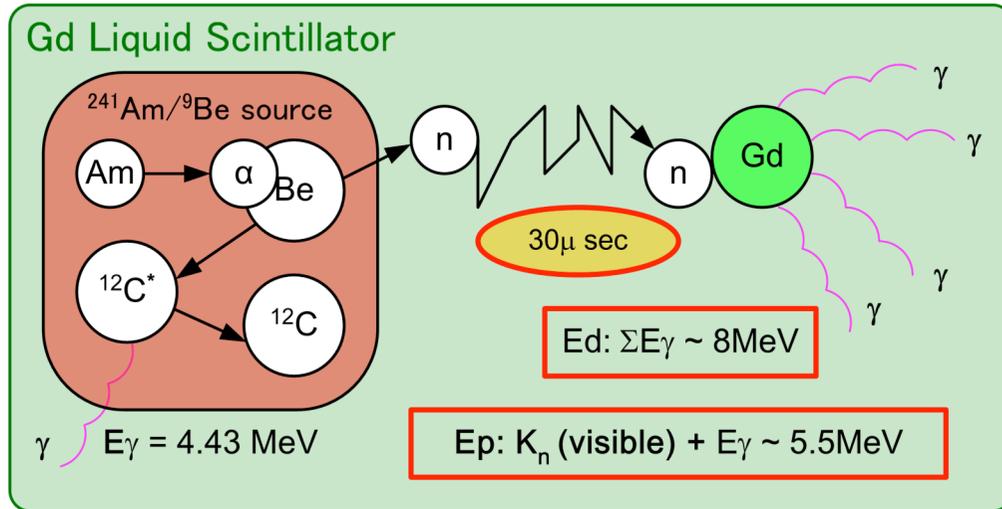
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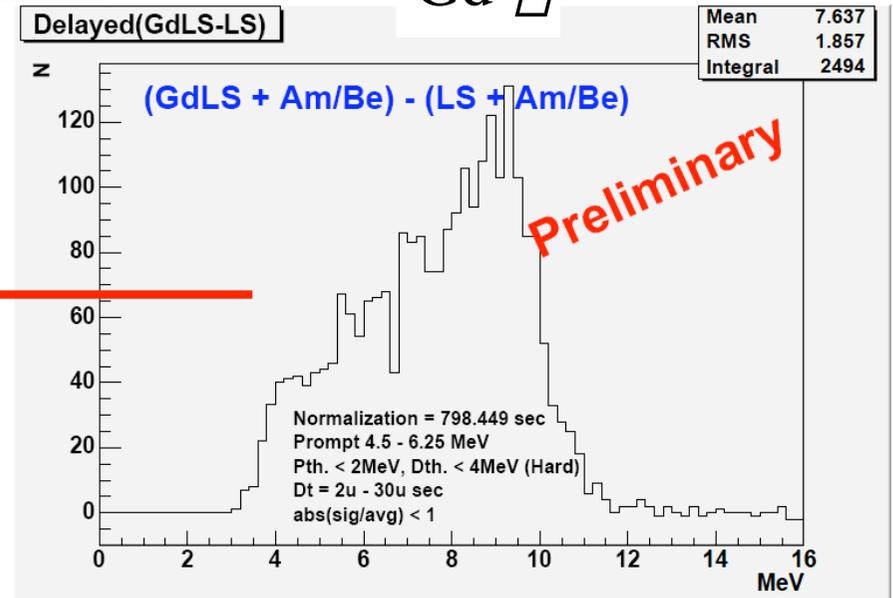
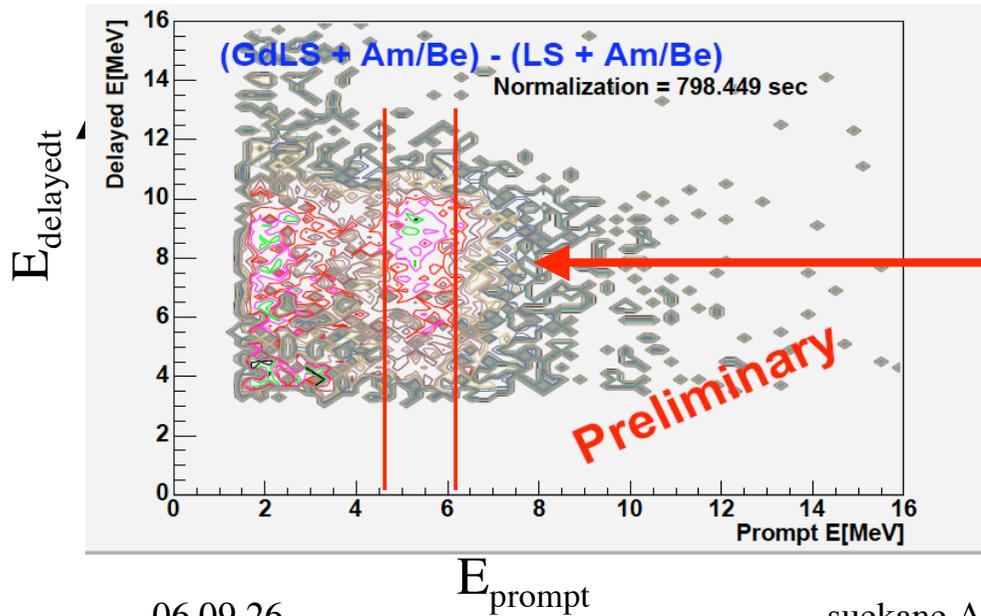
^{60}Co signal



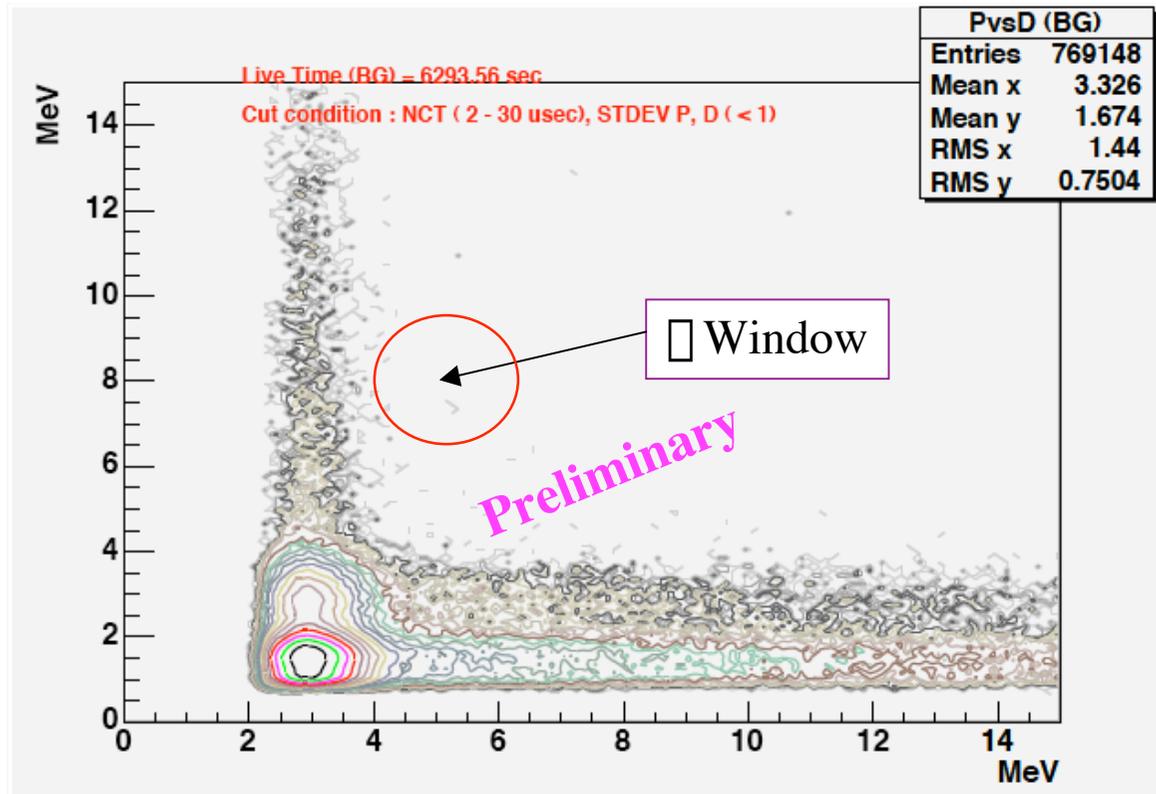
Am/Be signal



Gd- \square



Background for reactor

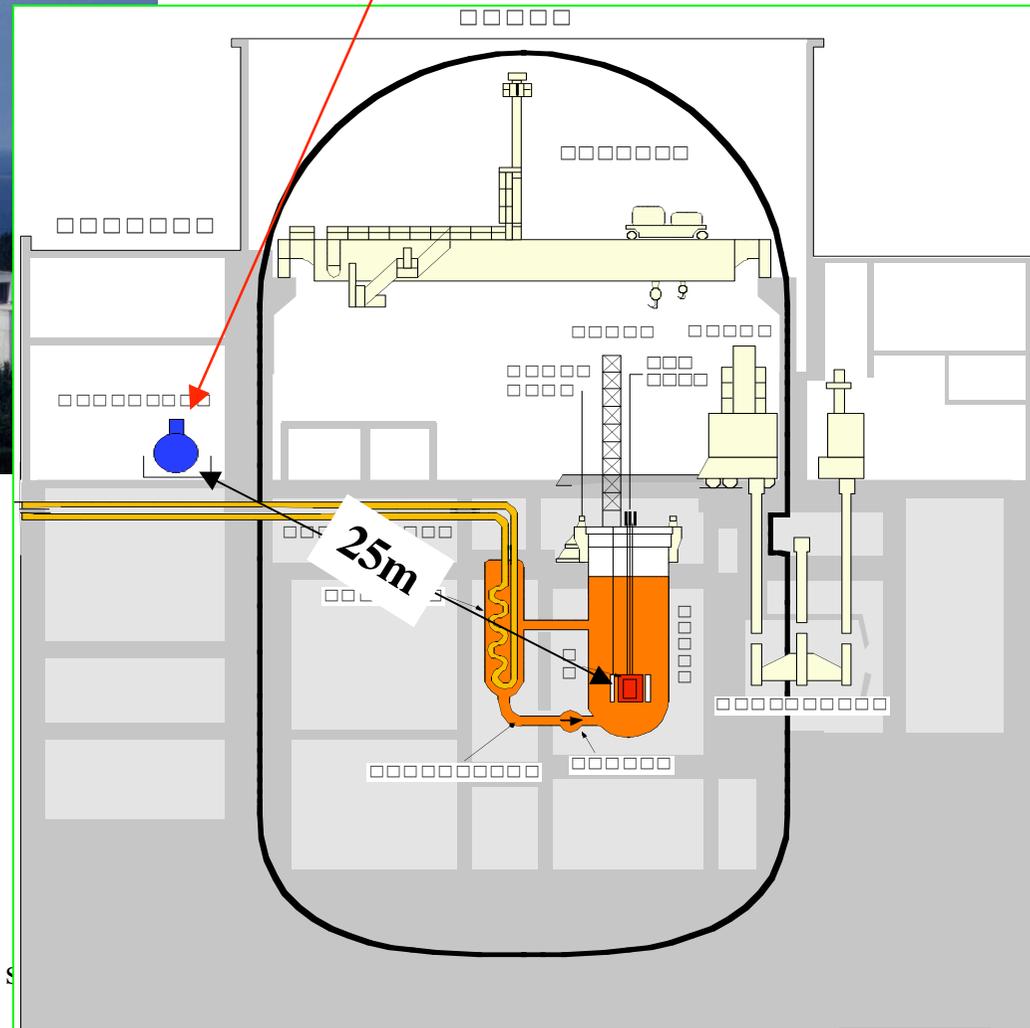


Prototype@Joyo research reactor

Purpose: Not for safeguard R&D, just to see reactor ON/OFF for demonstration.



KASKA Prototype



Fast Reactor (Pu rich)

$P_{th}=140\text{MW}$

Frequent ON/OFF

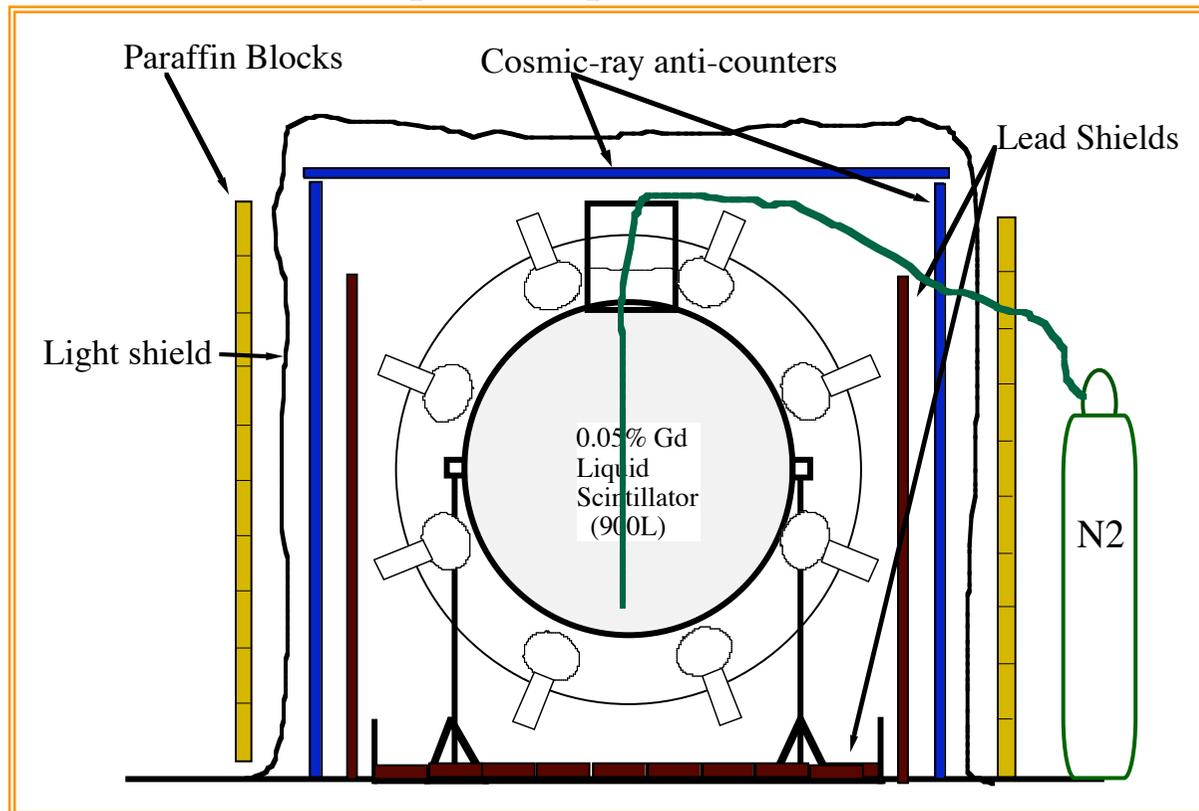
$L\sim 25\text{m}$

$\sim 150 \text{ } [p] \rightarrow e+n \text{ reaction/day}$

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Some modification for Joyo experiment

- * 0.05% Gd LS(10%BC521+15%PC+75%isoParaffin oil)
- * Lead shield,
- * Cosmic-ray anti counter
- * Paraffin Blocks
- * n/\bar{n} pulse shape discrimination(PSD)



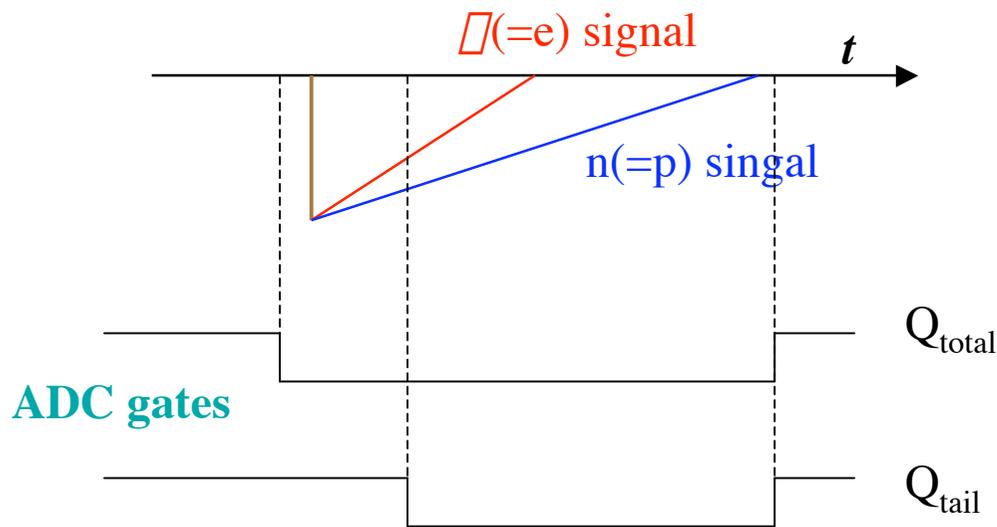
Event Selections

- $3.5\text{MeV} < E_p < 6\text{MeV}$
- $6\text{MeV} < E_d < 9\text{MeV}$
- $\tau < 50\text{ns}$
- Fiducial cuts ($R < 45\text{cm}$)
- PSD cut
=> efficiency $\sim 5\%$
=> $S/N \sim 1/\text{a few } \times 10$

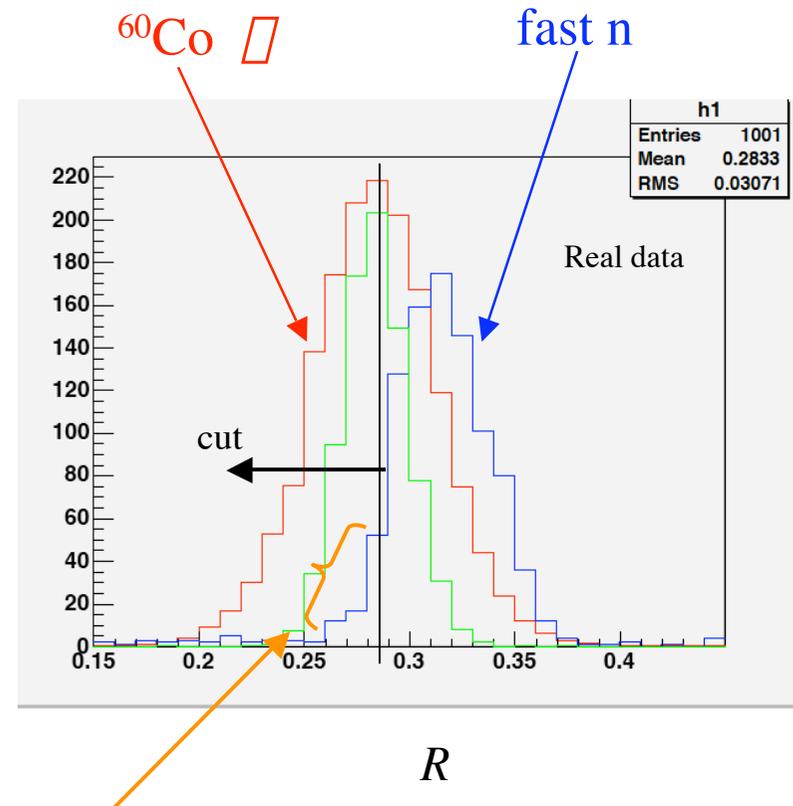
Not to scale

n/γ PSD with prototype LS

The most sever BKG on surface is fast neutron.
 => n/γ separation will be essential



$$R \equiv \frac{Q_{tail}}{Q_{total}} \text{ is different for } \gamma \text{ and } n$$



For 50% of γ efficiency, n rejection rate >90% => S/N becomes more than 5 times better

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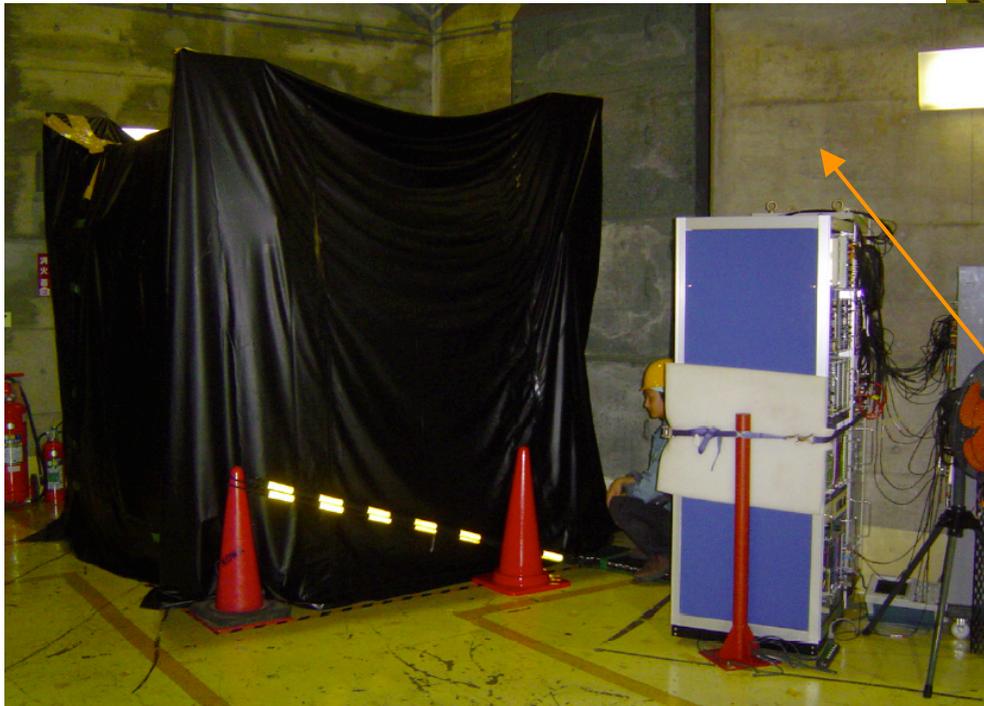
Acrylic sphere

Cosmic-ray
Anti counter



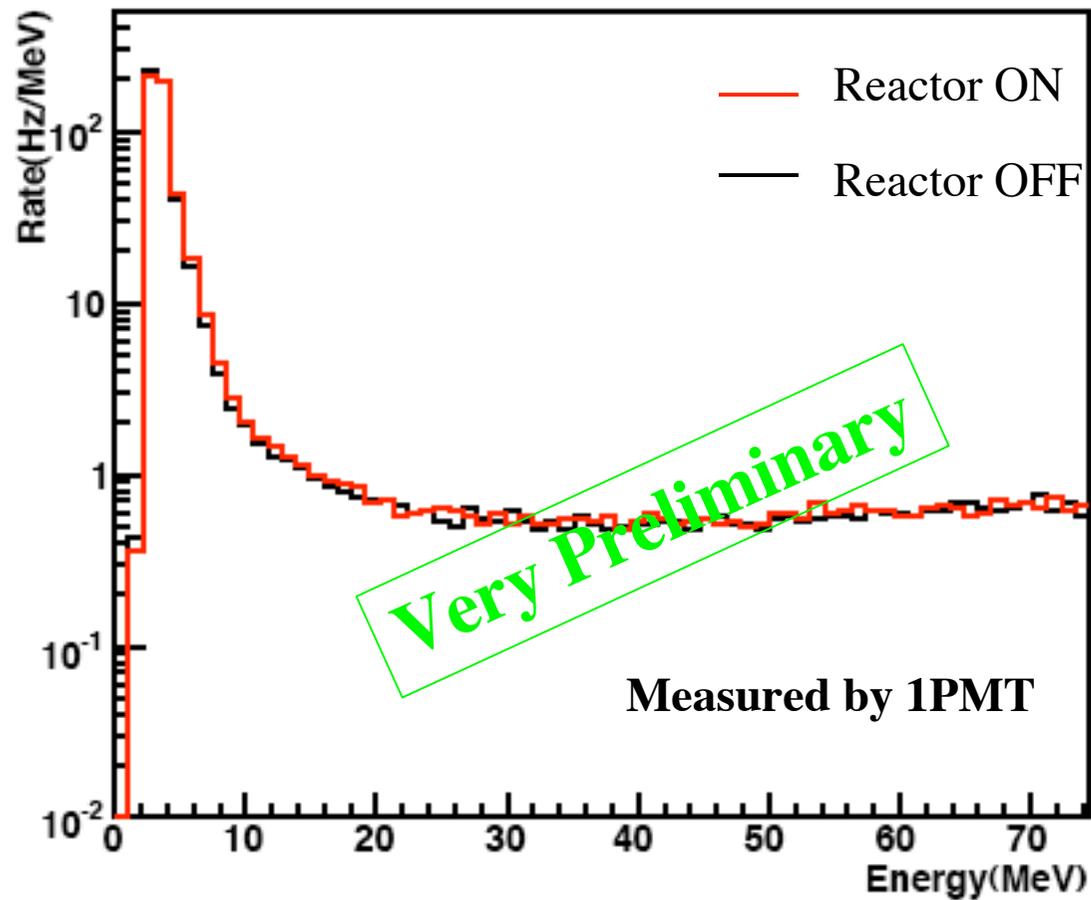
Gd-LS

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Reactor is behind the wall

Energy spectrum of singles (no cuts)



Just starting data taking.

Possible Improvements

- * **More PMT Coverage: => Better PSD**
=> Less leakage from low energy BKG
- * **Better Shield: Thicker lead & paraffin block shields,**
Double acrylic sphere (buffer region)
- * **Better Anticounter coverage: => Cosmic-ray related BKG**
- * **Higer reactor power: Monju(fast reactor) => x5**
High Power ABWR => x30
- * **Shorter distance: => $\sim 1/L^2$**

Simple Summary

- **KamLAND successfully measures reactor neutrinos at distance hundreds of km from reactors.**
- **KASKA prototype is going to take fast reactor data shortly**